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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	6204-00136
First Inventor	Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD
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06/15/01**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Application claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

3. Specification [Total Pages 21]
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 3]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
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 b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

- i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(If applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
10. (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(If foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other: **Express Mail Certificate; Declaration and Power of Attorney (for identification of inventors only)**

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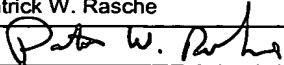
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility Filing Fee	\$710.00
106	320	206	160	Design Filing Fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant Filing Fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing Fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					\$710.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-20**	8	x	\$18	=	\$144.00	
Independent Claims	6	-3*	3	x	\$80	=	\$240.00
Multiple Dependant			x				
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20			
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3			
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent			
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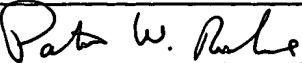
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25 Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification
147	2520	147	2520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1040*	113	1040* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second Month
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month
118	1390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1890	228	945 Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing
138	1510	138	1510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
141	1240	241	620 Petition to revive – unintentional
142	1240	242	620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220 Design issue fee
144	600	244	300 Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50 Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after a final rejection (37-CFR 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
179	710	279	355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____			

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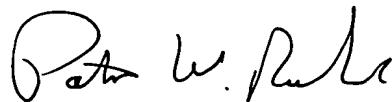
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I certify that the attached utility patent application of **Ralston Purina Company** (Attorney Docket No. 6204-00136) for **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD** including:

- Fourteen (14) pages of specification; six (6) pages of claims; one (1) page of abstract
- Three (3) sheets of drawings
- Patent Application Transmittal (1 page)
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